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OF REDUCING THE RISK FOR FORMATION OF  
CONNECTIVE TISSUE AFTER IMPLANTATION

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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